IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 988 OF 2005

Sachin Jagdeorao Dhane .. Applicant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent.

Shri R. S. Kate for the Applicant.
Shri D.R. More, APP for Respondent - State.

CORAM : A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.
DATED : FEBRUARY 22, 2005

PC :-

1. Heard counsel for the parties. Perused the record including the affidavit filed on behalf of the respondent, sworn by Shri Maruti Shamrao Patil, Assit. Police Inspector. Material on record clearly indicates the complicity of the applicant in the commission of the crime, which is indeed a serious offence. The strong circumstance is that the sim card in question was issued in the name of the applicant and which was used to interact with the complainant and for demanding ransom amount. Besides, there is another strong circumstance that the dates on which ransom amount is received, immediately thereafter, the amount is deposited by the applicant for purchase of Scorpio vehicle in cash and which deposit remains

unexplained. Suffice it to observe, as there are strong circumstances to indicate complicity of the applicant in the commission of the offence, I see no reason to depart from the conclusion reached by the court below in rejecting the bail application of the present applicant.

2. In so far as co- accused is concerned, he has been granted bail. The case against him stands on different footing altogether. Whereas the applicant is the prime accused.

3. Hence, dismissed.

4. As bail application is rejected, the District Judge, Satara is directed to assign the case to the fast track court, if already not done, to ensure early disposal of the trial.

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